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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you agree to a General Fund appropriation for the Department of Motor Vehicles to give them the amount of money they need to do the things that you have indicated are essential and necessary?

SENATOR HILLMAN: Well the only way we could do that, Senator Chambers, is basically move it from somebody else and those decisions are getting harder and harder to make and one of the ways we're looking at doing it and softening it some is very simply is trying to generate some revenue because all we're doing is moving money back and forth from program to program and many of them are needed. Next year we're going to have to do it a little differently because we're not going to be able to generate the income always and I suppose some of the debate we're having now in increasing fees are going to be very mild to some of them that we're going to have next year.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Hillman, I once alluded to one of my male colleagues as Fred Astaire, the way he danced around answering a question. I'll call you Ginger Rogers so I am going to ask the question again.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you support a General Fund appropriation to provide adequate funding for the Department of Motor Vehicles?

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, I think I would, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are there any bills before us which would allow us to amend for that purpose?

SENATOR HILLMAN: I'd have to look through them and see.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If we don't get these fees this year, you would support that next year?

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, I would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you very much. I think Senator Hillman has taken a very courageous and direct position. In the meantime, based on what she has said and I agree that we should have a General Fund appropriation if we really need that money, I hope you will adopt this amendment for the reasons that were